

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received in four metro cities i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai during the last two years and the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Terrorists attack on Military in Assam

1808. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the terrorists have launched attacks on the military in Assam during the last three months;

(b) if so, whether some soldiers have lost their lives in above attacks;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have taken any action on it as yet;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e) In the recent past a number of incidents have taken place in Assam in which Security Forces have been targetted by militants. During the past three months, 25 Army personnel have been killed and 24 injured in such attacks. The Army has been undertaking counter insurgency operations in the State in conjunction with para military forces. During this period, in encounters with the Army 41 militants/suspects were killed and 755 militants/suspects apprehended. The operations are still continuing.

[English]

By Pass on N.H. 31

1809. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received complaints from MP stating that authorities concerned with construction of by pass on National Highway No. 31 from Falakata to Pundibari in West Bengal and a bridge over River Torsha have been misleading him;

(b) whether the main delay is due to the non-providing of funds regularly to State Government for this project, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details of funds provided, year-wise;

(c) whether this type of delay in progress has doubled/trippled the cost of project, which is in other words loss of Government revenue and avoidable increase of exchequer on Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Some Members of Parliament have written for the early completion of this project.

(b) Funds are allocated to States on Lump sum basis depending on overall availability of funds for NH Sector and work-wise distribution is left to the State Government. Allocation of funds, including Externally aided projects, during the last five years to the Government of West Bengal vis-a-vis fund allotted to this work by State Government is given beblow :

Year	(Rs. in lakhs) Allocation of fund to Govt. of West Bengal	(Rs. in lakhs) Funds allotted to the work by State Government
1993-94	3500.00	127.57
1994-95	3987.00	203.62
1995-96	3810.00	577.20
1996-97	3608.00	543.22
1997-98 (Amount allocated)	8200.00	700.00 (likely)

(c) and (d) Road work in realignment is progressing as per target. Slow progress of the bridge is due to some dispute on escalation of rates between the Contractor and the State PWD. State Government has been advised suitably to sort out the dispute to expedite the construction of the bridge.

Allocation by NLM

1810. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Literacy Mission has sanctioned Rs. 4.47 crores to Guntur District for its post literacy programme of phase-I and total literacy drive of phase-II;

(b) if so, whether Guntur is the only district in Andhra Pradesh or in the country to get the amounts proposed by the administration and sanctioned by the NLM;

(c) whether the Guntur District has achieved the literacy better than any other districts in the State; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the amount is likely to be spent and the total literacy proposed to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) The Project Approval Committee of the National Literacy Mission Authority which considered the Post Literacy proposal and cleared it in principle to cover